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### TWELVE PAGES THE PENITENTIARY INVESTIGATION.

The question of the penitentlary manage ment has been brought up again by the visit of the Senate Committee and the presentation of formal charges. The charges embrace allegations of cruelty in two distinct cases, and one in which the allegation is rather indefinite, assertions of financial mismanagement, of which, perhaps, the most important is the one that Dr. Maharneke was given a salary after his suspension, and

some general charges of favoritism and lack

of discipline. Now that these charges are made the only course left is an open and thorough investigation without prejudice and without favor. THE DISPATCH has criticised the production of anonymous or unsupported charges, and has considered them, when they appeared in that shape, as unworthy of public attention. When supported by their author, however, they require the hearing which the Senate Committee appears disposed to give. If they are untrue the management of the penitentiary is entitled to the vindication; if they are true the public interest calls for the exposure and abolition of the abuses.

The Senate Committee will furnish an unprejudiced tribunal; and if it makes the investigation thorough, the much-agitated question of the penitentiary management will be settled for good or ill.

### IRELAND'S RISING STAR. Sir Charles Russell concluded his opening

for the defense before the Parnell Commission in a way to corroborate the idea suggested by THE DISPATCH some days ago, that the opportunity afforded by the course of the prosecution to put on record a full showing of Ireland's wrongs will be utilized to the utmost. It is always best to remember the proverb that "he who putteth on his armor should not boast himself like him who putteth it off." But it is plain that the advocate of the Irish leaders has remedy, and their strict adherence to constitutional agitation, it will go far toward hastening the final triumph of the Irish cause. There could not be a more remarkable instance of falling into the pit digged for a neighbor, if this trial which was brought about to ruin Mr. Parnell should result in placing him higher in English opinion than ever before.

### QUITE A DIFFERENCE

The discussion as to the treatment of Pittsburg by the railroads, makes it pertinent to notice one contrast that has recently been afforded by the trunk lines. Last tall. it will be remembered, Pittsburg had a Centennial celebration. It was an occasion which was calculated to draw visitors from a large extent of territory, and which did so, even under the unfavorable circumstances imposed by the railroads. The public can hardly have forgotten the difficulty which was experienced in getting the railroads to extend the excursion rate for the round trip, of 11/4 times the regular single-trip rate, extended to a limit of 300 miles, or the fact that some of the lines did not even do

Seven months later New York has a celebration. The policy of the railroads seems to be very different in this case. One fare for the round trip throughout the trunk line territory is conceded, and beyond that territory the same rate plus \$2. More than that, when the wholesale merchants represent that their customers would like to stay in town longer than for the celebration, the duration of a ticket is extended over nearly two weeks. Need there be any better evidence of the railroad opinion that Pittsburg is useful beast of burden, strong enough to carry heavy charges, but not worthy of receiving any especial attention?

The rumors which have been set affoat by the withdrawal of the stock of the American Meat Company from public subscription do more to strengthen the suspicion of a practical monopoly in the dressed beef business than anything else within the public knowledge. It is certain that the new company would have been a strong competitor of the Chicago and Kansas City concerns. That the business should be open to competition is potent on the face of it; and that a new establishment could not injure the old ones unless they are enjoying some extraordinary profits from a combina tion to suppress competition is hardly less clear. The fact that the new enterprise has suddenly backed down and that the withdrawal was caused by an attack of the Armour crowd or the interests of the Standard Oil men, who were behind the new meat company, in the Cotton Seed Oil Trust, is in line with the facts. It may be interesting to learn that there is a clique that can conquer the Standard Oil crowd, but that fact can hardly compensate for the evidence of a monopoly in a food staple.

### MOANS IN M'ALLISTERVILLE.

Ward McAllister is to be only floor manager of the New York Centennial Ball. No wonder he weeps. He thinks that Mr. Fish and the rest of the Entertainment Committee will weep later on, after the ball shall have proved a dire failure. He will have to concentrate his immense mind upon the control of the ten thousand dancers. To keep | be none too large, occupying the whole

the secred "Four Hundred" from rubbing elbows with the common herd will make the dreadfully vulgar perspiration bead McAllister's brow. Then nine thousand six hundred of the guests will move about that ballroom all unmindful of the august authority of society's leader, and there will be more tears. It is to be hoped that a bucket brigade will be told off on the night of the ball to follow McAllister wherever he goes, or his lachrymal performances may make the floor sloppy. These attendants might carry vials such as the Romans were wont to supply at funerals for the reception of the tears of the deceased person's friends. Lachrymatories filled with Mo-Allister's tears might be sold among the Four Hundred after the ball, and would doubtless swell the Centennial fund handsomely.

The very thought of McAllister fallen from his high estate and mourning the untimely end of his own idea, the culmination of the hope of years, the long-cherished chance of his lifetime, a ball after his own conception, would make even a marble monkey weep. And when there is a sound of weeping in McAllisterville, and when the grasshopper, if it were there, would be a burden, it is somewhat out of tune in the New York Sun to remark in a chipper tone that it is going to be the greatest and grandest centennial celebration ever before seen in this republic. "You can't," says the Sun, "stop it; you can't belittle it, you can lessen its importance by ridicule." Then a few days later it publishes a full report of Mc-Allister's lamentation. It would seem that the New York papers are doing their level best to belittle the celebration and to lessen its importance by ridicule. If they do not succeed it is not their fault. Nor Mo-Allister's.

### THE CONSTITUTION DOESN'T COUNT.

Nobody will be surprised this morningbut a good many people through the State must experience a much stronger feelingat the refusal of the Legislature to consider the Wherry anti-discrimination bill. This simply means that, under the existing regime, no relief need be looked for at Harrisburg. The intimation that Senator Delamater and Chairman Andrews are preparing something, misleads no one.

Comment on the attitude of the Legislature would be superfluous. Nothing was asked by the Wherry bill beyond a mere legislative enforcement of those provisions of the Constitution which have lain a dead letter on the books for the past filteen years. This is the same Constitution which the members of the Legislature take oath to support. If there were no other reason-if it had not also been abundantly shown that the business interests of the Commonwealth were suffering from such causes as the Constitution sought to prevent-the mere obligation which members take with their seats would have required the legislation they so lightly thrust aside.

But it is not merely placed indifference to constitutional requirements that is exhibited by the vote of yesterday. The Republican party in this State solemnly pledged itself three years ago to a bill against discrimination. This pledge has been studiously ignored. When the Democrats bring in a bill the pledge is distinctly broken and the measure rejected without a pretense of discussion upon its merits.

It is waste of time to inquire what may be the motives which led to this extraordinary line of action. No explanation that amounts to a row of pins is offered. But the question arises: can the Republican managers afford made a most favorable impression, when he | to have the party representatives stand in With this speech backed up by evidence who think their seats in the saddle firmest pretty lively in the vicinity of Pittsburg. showing the purposes of the Nationalist to too openly despise the mandates of the policy, the evils and wrongs which Mr. fundamental law. Opposition to this same Parnell and his colleagues are striving to | Constitution by the Republican managers put the Democrats in power in Pennsylvania in 1874. Contempt for it now, and blind subserviency to corporation interests, may work another change as sweeping at

coming elections. Incidentally, too, the thought suggests itself whether, in such an event, the railroads will be able to congratulate themselves on the enactment of as fair and reasonable a measure as Mr. Wherry's, which they have just kicked so contemptuously overboard. The Legislature has spoken. The public will speak later on.

### CABLE CAR TAXES.

The discovery, in the Controller's office, that the ordinances under which the cable roads obtained their privileges appear to have released them from the tax on cars which was levied on their predecessors, the street railway companies, is an example of the omissions which are sure to occur in hasty legislation. Few people would dispute the justice of a tax upon these corporations by which they would pay in proportion to the volume of their business; and yet, with the precedent of the tax on the corporations to which they succeeded, the point was overlooked altogether. The fact that some of these ordinances were sent through under suspension of the rules may afford a partial explanation of the omission. The error is, however, by no means a vital

one. The idea of gaining compensation for the privileges in the streets granted to passenger railways by taxation or by putting the privileges up at auction is an extremely futile one. All that the companies pay in that way they must get back from the public, and so that policy ultimately resolves itself into the medieval practice of raising revenues by tax-farming and the sale of monopolies. The fact is that these privileges should be based on the just ground of the benefit to the public by cheap and rapid transit. If the full advantage is secured by such a competition as will reduce charges to the point which yields the companies a fair profit on actual and unwatered cost of construction, the privileges confer an unmixed public benefit. If the companies by combination are able to load up their enterprises with a huge structure of watered stocks, and force dividends upon them by higher charges than would be levied under fair and free competition, the loss of a few thousand dollars in taxes will be of little moment beside the burden which is placed on the public by means of the greater abuse.

### WHERE WAITING MAY PAY.

A reasonable view of the further growth of Pittsburg may dispense altogether with the need of a law to sell the old university and other vacated county buildings on Diamond street, by making clear that the wiser policy is to keep them. Insufficient enlargement has, heretofore, been the rule. Of course, the splendid edifice which now adorus the hill looks big, after the narrow quarters of the past; but it is fairly presumable from the present rate of growth hereabout that before ten years the business of the courts and of the numerous executive offices will fill and overflow every available inch of space there. When, at the planning of the new building, someone proposed to have the jail share the Court House lot, Judge Ewing, with excellent foresight, predieted that in a few years the latter would

square, for the work to be done. His opinion s being borne out. He prophesies again in similar vein about the vacated premises.

We think he is again correct. It would be awkward for the county now to sell the vacated premises only to buy them back, or adjacent property, at a great advance of values before 1900—which is now but eleven years off. As business runs, and as the signs of the Pittsburg of the near next century fashion themselves on the sky, judicious rental does look a better policy than hast sale.

IT might be taken as bearing an instructive significance for the recalcitrant Senators, that, immediately after his first skirmish with them, the President takes into consideration the project of locating his headquarters in the War Department.

JUDGE WALLACE seems to entertain a little doubt on the Western Union Telegraph Company's claim that it owns the streets of New York. That large-sized corporation will have to submit, for a certain time, at least, to the old-fashioned theory that the ownership of streets and highways is vested in the people. Perhaps, after the corporations have been at work a while longer at controlling nominations for the bench, they may be able to change that theory; but the time is not ripe for it yet,

MAYOR GRANT'S appointment of Richard Croker as City Chamberlain, was evidently inpired by the chivalrous determination to make President Harrison's appointment of Van Cott as postmaster appear like a reformatory and non-partisan measure.

THE intimations that Mr. Bates' publication of an article in the Century, on the Samoan question, might create a difficulty as to his acceptance as one of the commissioners to the Berlin conference, are reduced to zero by the statement from Berlin that he will be received there just as his other colleagues. Bismarck does not seem disposed to lay much stress on the persona grata theory; but he will probably make up for that by sticking to that other classic saying: Non personam, sed rem.

THE sanitary question that is rising to importance at the national capital is whether that slight indisposition of the President was to be charged to sewer gas or office seekers.

IT is satisfactory to observe that Mr. Medill, of the Chicago Tribune, has come to the conclusion that leading editors must preserve their independence, and that they cannot do so if they accept office. This is obviously correct ground; but it is instructive to observe how it is impressed upon the mind of an editor who has swung the cudgel in his day, by the fact that the Senate has jumped on Halstead.

PASTRUR'S first failure is in his scheme to kill off the rabbits of Australia by the chicken cholers. The bunnies decline to take either their medicine or their epi-

Quite a sensation has been raised in the Eastern press over the report that a gas company somewhere has admitted that its meters are inaccurate and is voluntarily refunding to its customers the overcharges. Proof may bewanted of this remarkable occurrence: but there seems to be an indefinite feeling in New York, that it is an unwarrantable surrender of the vested rights of the corporations.

IF natural gas wells get to increasing their pressurg so as to burst pipes and blow elicits congratulations from the bench. this attitude? It is not safe for those out the casing, times are likely to become

> THE advantages of Washington as an educational center form the subject of editorial comment by the esteemed Star, of that city. They are very great no doubt, consisting largely of the force with which they impress on the mind of visitors the great lesson conveyed in that old proverb against putting your trust in princes and practical politicians.

IF that Russian sensation is not exploded before long, the world will be forced to conclude that the dynamite bomb was.

Mr. F. B. Gowen is quoted as question ing Mr. Carnegie's motives and alluding to his past record. This may be pertinent or otherwise; but considering the source whence it comes it is rather amusing. It every one who has been mixed up with discriminations and railroad combinations, is to be ruled out of court, where will Mr. Gowen stand?

THAT meat company deal begins to assume the appearance of a South Penn transaction on a small scale.

MR. JAY GOULD'S remark, that New York is good enough for him, was supposed to bear on the reports that he was going to change his place of residence; but it is given a broader and more telling significance by the recent claims made on his behalf for a complete ownership of that city by his elevated railroad and telegraph lines.

### PEOPLE OF PROMINENCE.

GROVER CLEVELAND has been elected a life nember of the Manhattan Club. THE highest peak in New Guinea is to b named after William E. Gladstone SENATOR and Mrs. Stanford and Justice and Mrs. Field will presently set out for Alaska.

THE women leaders throughout the country feel pleased over the statement of Dr. Chaille, the noted statistician, to the effect that the

FRANK WILLING LEACH, Senator Quay's private secretary, has returned to Washington and to hard work. He went away for a few days' rest, and he returns to find that a mountain of letters has accumulated during his ab-

SECRETARY NOBLE is said to be working harder than any of his Cabinet colleagues. He has had one good rest since he went into office, and that was involuntary. One night last week he went to bed at 7 o'clock in the evening completely exhausted, and did not awaken unon the next day.

H. SCHERMERHORN, of New York, a sur mer resident there, has purchased a large lot in Island Cemetery, Newport, containing about 5.000 square feet, upon which he will place a handsome monument of appropriate allegori-cal design. The lot and monument, costing \$10,000, will then be given in trust as a soldiers

and sailors' burial lot. OF the great "trinity of the Anti-Corn Laws League," Villiers, Cobden and Bright, only the first and oldest now survives. Of the three, Bright was always the most composed and me-thodical. When Cobden was anxious and spec-ulative, and Villiers sometimes fretful and impatient, Bright, the youngest of the three, and the boldest and calmest character of them all, was in council the man of soundest judgment. Ir is not generally known that Maggie Mitch Paddock, was married once before her last al liance. On the 27th of September, 1882, she married William Virgil Wallace at or near the married william virgil wantee at or hear the city of Washington. Her mother and brother were incensed at the union and made a prisoner of Maggie almost immediately after the cere-mony. She was never permitted to see him again, and seven years after she was married to Mr. Paddock. Her first marriage is said to

### THE TOPICAL TALKER.

Large Audience Assonished Her-Mr. Strauss Ought to Stay in Turkey-Chat

About News of the Day.
MISS MINNIE MADDERN had something to encourage her yesterday afternoon in the shape of a big audience, in which were an unusually large number of ladies. So she shook herself together and acted with a vigor and overflowing spirit that she has not shown before this week through the best scene of "In Spite of All." You could see the effect of her dainty and yet powerful work upon the audience quite plainly after she had been on the stage for five

The contribution of this little genius was as enjoyable as any in the great programme of the Exposition fund benefit at the Bijou Theater yesterday afternoon.

THE New York Press is waging war on Min ister Strauss, the representative of the United States at Constantinople, and is threatening to extend its hostility to Postmaster General Wanamaker if he continues to interest himself

in the retention of Mr. Strauss.

Under ordinary circumstances the fact that
Mr. Strauss is a Democrat out-and-out would be enough to make his retirement distinctly necessary under a Republican administration. But there are other things to be considered in this case. The Rev. Dr. Allison, of this city, told me recently that never had Christians and Christianity enjoyed such protection in Turkey as they have since Mr. Strauss went to Con stantinople. This happy result, Dr. Allison said, was due to Mr. Strauss' efforts at all times. He obtained from the Turkish Govern ment permission for the colporteurs to proceed with the distribution of the Bible throughout

Turkey.

This is the more remarkable because Mr. Strauss is by faith a Hebrew. He has earned the respect and gratitude of American missionar-ies in that part of the world, and their influence is likely to count for something with Pres-Possibly Mr. Strauss' good deeds may be news

to the New York Press. A FEW mouse traps and an addition to the force of cats employed by the management would enhance the comfort of the public at the

Grand Opera House.
On Monday night last a mouse had a very musing time on the floor of the parquet, while "Caprice" was in progress on the stage. I do not think any woman seated in the parquet saw the mouse. When I tried to point out the funny little animal to the lady who sat beside me, little animal to the lady who sat beside me, she betrayed such unmistakable symptoms of alarm that I added I was only joking. All the same the mouse was there, and kept crossing the aisle and dodging in and out among the seats, never showing the smallest sign of fear. Still, Mr. Wilt, it is dangerous to allow mice to make a railying ground of the parquet while an andience is there. A small mouse may be n andience is an anic.

GREAT changes are being made in the Fort Wayne Raffroad's property adjoining the west-bound track between Verner and Woods' Run stations. Gangs of Italian laborers are cutting away the rocky cliffs to make way for the additional tracks which the new Panhandle bridge will call into existence when it is built.

By the way, owing. I presume, to the disturb-ance of the west-bound track by the descent of debris from the excavations, the Cleveland express, going west, early yesterday morning, took the switch at Bellevue, where it crossed again

No matter how perfect a railroad's block sys-tem may be, it always seems suggestive of danger to me to run a train for several miles on the wrong track. It was just such an experi-ment on the London and Southwestern Rail-road in England that resulted in the horrible accident at Kingston last summer, in which a number of lives were lost. The Southwestern runs under a very strict block system, too.

Some idea of the ferocity of the storm-bursts yesterday may be gathered from the fact one of them drove 50 men and women into one Manchester line horse-car last evening. It is not altogether regrettable that at least six of these passengers stayed on the car long enough to escape the worst of the shower, and then

skipped off without paying fare.

The equipment of nearly all the horse-car lines is ridiculously inadequate, and none of them make the least attempt to meet for any increased demand, like that caused by the have to drag these shamefully over-freighted cars are the most to be pitied. Street car di-rectors probably had nightmare last night.

### A Cow Commits Spicide

CAMDEN, N. J., April 12.-An obstreperous cow, driven by James Johns, colored, of Moores town, became so tangled in the rope by which she was led that she strangled almost to death, and her throat was cut as an act of mercy. As Johns was leaning over her she gave a lurch and one of her horns struck him in the right

## From the Springfield Republic. 1

The wild rush of people to Cincinnati should cease. There is no 2-cent beer there. That is to say-there is beer there worth only 2 cents :

### An Unprofitable Crop. From the Philadelphia Times.

The Oklahoma boomers are carrying more pistols than plows into the new territory. This looks as though they intended to raise more

### Sure of a Good Job, Anyhow. From the Alta California.]

Descriptions of the gigantic stature of the new minister from England suggest fine dime museum possibilities, provided Sir Julian fail

### DEATHS OF A DAY.

Thomas M. Jones.

Thomas M. Jones, a member of the firm of Jones & Laughlins, Limited, died last evening Jones & Laughlins, Limited, died last evening about 5 o'clock at his home, No. 5722 Fifth avenue. The works on the Southaide were closed down as soon as the news of his death was received at the office, and operations will be suspended until after the funeral on Monday. Meetings of the two labor organizations composed of the workmen employed in the mill will probably be held this afternoon to take action on Mr. Jones' death.

Mr. Jones had been lying in a comatose state since Wednesday last. Cardine as atma was his ailment. He had been afflicted with it for ten weeks, gradually growing worse. The best of medical attention was unavailing. For many years Mr. Jones was afflicted with hay fever, which increased in the severity and frequency of its attacks until asthma was the result.

Thomas Mifflin Jones has for years been a prominent figure in the iron industries of Pittsburg. He was a Mason of high degree and a member of Dr. Kumler's East End Presbyterian Church. He is a brother of Hon. H. F. Jones, who, in 1884, had charge of the Biaine campaign. The deceased was born in Washington county about 1830. When a lad ne went to the New Brighton Academy, his family naving removed to Heaver county. He graduated from the Beaver Academy, and for 2's years after studied medicine. In 1884 he became identified with the management of the iron firm of Jones & Laughlins, and was eventually placed in charge of the Chicago branch of that firm. At the end of 20 years, or in 1680, Mr. Jones returned to Pittsburg, and after the death of George Wilson Jones, his brother, he was made general manager of Jones & Laughlins, He settled pleasantly in the East End, and succeeded in gathering together one of the finest libraries in the State. Being of a literary turn of mind, Mr. Jones spent a great deal of his time in this library, so that in recent years he has not been much seen out of home and business circles. At odd times he did considerable writing and, while not ambitious in this direction, his productions received distinguished att about 5 o'clock at his home, No. 5722 Fifth avenue

Mrs. Johnson McIntyre, the wife of the well-known Allegheny contractor, died yesterday at her home, No. 245 North avenue, after a few weeks' illness. Her death was caused by bron-chitis. She was 51 years of age and was a promi-nent member of the Fifth U.F. Church. The funeral will take place this afternoon.

### Walter G. Sterling.

TEFECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. WILESSBARR, April 12.-Walter G. Sterling, 'tather'' of the Wilkesbarre banking system, died this evening. He was very wealthy and wa wellknown throughout the eastern part of the State, having been identified with railroads and wonled institutions.

Ex-Gavernor J. L. Farwell. GRANT CITY, Mo., April 13 .- J. L. Farwell, an ex-Governor of Wisconsin, died here yesterday. He was a noted politician of the Northwest, 50 years ago. He was 70 years of age.

### WORKING HARD TO SAVE LIFE.

The Friends of the Condemoed Baid Knob-bers Labor in Enracet.

secial Telegram to The Dispatch. OZARK, Mo., April 12-A last and earnes effort is being made to save the Bald Knobbers from the gallows. This final movement to urge the Government to commute the death sentence against the three condemned men to prison for life is the most extensive effort in the direction of executive clemency that has yet been made, and contemplates a united pleas from representative men from Christian, Douglas, Stone, Taney and Greene counties, who are to call on Governor Francis about the 15th. The two Walkers still face their apparent doom with wonderful nerve, though the in-stinctive love of life is very manifest in every expression of the Knobber chief and son "There, is no need of breaking down," said

young Walker to-day. "if the worst comes, I will try to stand it, but I don't want to nang." Dave Walker still smiles sarcastically in tall

Dave Walker still smiles sarcastically in talking about his situation, and even tried to jest this morning when one of his fellow prisoners. Jim Miles, spoke of getting out of jail on a bond next week.

"Yes," remarked the Knobber chief, with a grim smile, "there will be a thinning out here soon, I suppose."

John Matthewsahowed a ghastly face through the grating of his cell, and is sinking into deeper gloom each day. He spends most of his time now reading the Bible, and often praya aloud. In all of these petitions to heaven the prisoner reasserts his innocence of the crime for which he is santenced to hang. Every evening Matthews sings one or more of his favorite hymns, and the strong, though plaintive voice of the prisoner can be heard across the public square from the jail.

The familes of the condemned Knobbers are beginning to visit their helpless friends more frequently, and the sadness of these meetings is too intense for description. The hopelessness and privations of the past two years have told most painfully on the Knobber women and children, made widows and orphans by the Edensgreen raid, and human misery couldn't be more touchingly personified than in the aspect of these poor people, as they gather around the Ozark jail. The two are sentenced to hang April 19.

### AN EASY WAY TO PAY DEBTS.

Campaign Club Allows Itself to be for a Small Amount.

Special Telegram to The Dispatch. WORCESTER, MASS., April 12-The Republican City Committee have taken advantage of the slow machinery of the courts to avoid payment of a bill of \$217 incurred during the paign last fall. The suits are brought by Cater er F. E. Marshall, who seeks to recover the balance of the bill for collations furnished the torchlight bearers who shouted and marched for Harrison and Morton. Four lawyers on the committee will defend the suits. Mr. Marshall, before bringing his suits, was assured by a member of the committee that he should receive the first moneys collected, and at the opening of the fall campaign funds would be forthcoming. He began his suits and the committee last evening decided that it would give him an op-

evening decided that it would give him an opportunity to collect his bill by the slow process of the courts, and if he gets his money in a year he will be lucky.

After the meeting there was considerable outside gossip to the effect that the course decided upon was cheaper and easier than it would be for the parties sued to go through bankruptcy, and also that it was a somewhat novel way for Republicans to meet creditors having honest bills, but anything sluggish and easy seems to be attractive in this instance, which is the precise reason why the comparatively small amount of money needed was not raised last fall, when a moderate degree of method and industry would have secured all necessary funds. But little money was needed in last year's campaign in comparison with some former years, when it has been necessary for Massachusetts Republicans to fight.

### A ROBBER CHIEFTAIN'S CAVE.

Discovery of a Den Lately Inhabited by Notorious Outlaw.

HILLS BORO, O., April 12.-The most intense excitement exists in Paint township over the discovery yesterday of a cave—a veritable robbers' hiding place-with all the evidence that it had but recently been occupied. That region is the wildest in Southern Ohio, abounding in caves and caverns and rocky fastnesses where the sun's rays never penetrate. There it was that McKinney, the daring robber chief, found a hiding place when "hounded by the minions of the law." Dozens of caves have been point ed out to visitors as the McKinney cave, and during the time that he was at large, after his daring escape from the jail here, officers and detectives visited and explored every known hole in the ground for miles around the Rocky Fork region, hoping to locate or find some clew to "Little Reddy from Texas," the name he was known by on the Cheyenne stage route. The den accidentally discovered yesterday is on, land belonging to Captain D. M. Barrett, Superintendent of the Boys' Industrial Home at Lancaster. The entrance is large enough to admit a man on his hands and knees, but enlarged within a few feet of the mouth of the hallway 4 feet wide and 8 feet high. This has a length of perhaps 20 feet, opening into a ole in the ground for miles around the Rock has a length of perhaps 20 feet, opening into a chamber about 30 feet by 20, and 8 or 10 in height. In this chamber a hasty examination disclosed a luxurious bed of hemlock and other evidences of recent occupation. The entrance is obscured by the heavy undergrowth, and the conformation of the cliff is such that persons is obscured by the cliff is such that persons in conformation of the cliff is such that persons living near by had never known of its existence, although a well-worn path was easily discernible leading to the cavern.

From the Kansas City Star. 1 It is a fact worthy of note that all the women elected to municipal offices in Kansas this spring wear "Mrs." in tront of their names. It seems to require a matrimonial experience to develop the governing instinct in women.

### Not Afraid of Saurians.

From the Baltimore American. ] The placing of the alligator brought from Florida, by Mrs. McKee, in front of the White House to keep away the crowds will hardly have an effect upon the Southern visitors. It will make them feel more at home.

### The Friendship of the Press.

From the Altoons Tribune.] Mr. Carnegie's recent savage onslaught on the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has won him the admiration of a number of editors who but a few months ago were denouncing him in

### From the Detroit Free Press.]

A man worth \$2,000,000 died in Chicago last week, and up to date only one wife has come forward with her claim to the property. The incident is looked upon as singular, to say the

### From the Philadelphia Press.

The report that Jay Gould was about to take up his residence in London is emphatically denied. Mr. Gould doesn't want the earth. The Western Hemisphere is enough for him.

## AS OTHERS SEE US.

NEW YORK Herald: What the great State of Pennsylvania don't want isn't worth reaching for. HARRISBURG Telegraph: The barbers are

going to hold a national convention in Pitts-burg. Next! CHICAGO News: Pittsburg is indulging in a grand walking match. It is probably a school

of dramatic art in disguise. WASHINGTON (PA.) Journal: Pittsburgers seem to be agitated over a short supply of milk. There must be something wrong the water.

MINNEAPOLIS Tribune: There is a big

walking match in Pittsburg, but strange to re-late neither Meyers, McAuliffe, Weir or Mur-

phy are among the

Youngstown Telegram: The Pittsbury club in three games this season have received three goose eggs. It looks as if the team was determined to win the booby prize. NEW YORK Grophic: Natural gas specula

contestants.

tion is beginning to be a craze like the petro-leum excitement in Western Pennsylvania years ago. There is already a strong odor

SCRANTON Republican: The Pittsburg pa pers are quite elated because there was not a single murder in that city last Sunday, and only one suicide. It is a great record for the ex-Smoky City.

ALTOONA Tribune: We notice that the City Controller of Pittsburg has submitted his annual report and that it gives "an intelligible exhibit of the financial transactions of the city during the past fiscal year." So then it appears that there are cities in this Commonwealth whose Controllers can prepare for public in-spection "intelligible exhibits" of the financial situation. Lucky cities!

### METROPOLITAN SMALL TALK.

Barnum in Business for Some Time.

NEW YORK BUREAU SPECIALS. J NEW YORK, April 12-P. T. Harnum, the great showman, is very much annoyed at the reports published in a New York newspaper to-day, that he intended to retire from the show business. "Why, I am actually growing young again," he said to a DISPATCH reporter, "and I hope and expect to die in the harness. My ambition has never been greater nor my plans for the future brighter than at this present. for the future brighter than at this present moment. Why, I have just signed a contract with Mr. Bailey for the next 50 years, and we intend to give the American public a show that will make their eyes stick out." The great showman said he was feeling well, and he certainly did not look like a man ready to retire from active life, as he spoke in an animated way about his plans for the future.

### Romance Behind a Sulcide.

There is a romance behind the suicide of Thornwald Egidius, son of the Swedish Consul to Amsterdam, Holland, at his hotel last Tuesday. Six months ago young Egidius became infatuated with Ida Forzer, an Austrian actress then playing in the Circus Oscarone, in Amsterdam. He was then a gentleman of leisure, with plenty of money. He induced her to break her theatrical engagement and travel to break her theatrical engagement and travel with him through Southern Europe. They parted eventually at Vienna. In February Egidius sailed for America. Two weeks later Miss Fozzer followed him, after cabling to him the probable date of her arrival. Egidius at the probable date of her arrival. Egither once left town to avoid meeting her. She found him upon his return, after a long chase, to him marry her. He told her and tried to make him marry her. He told her he was dead broke, that his father had refused to help him and that he would have nothing lawyer and papers for a breach of promise suit upon him last Monday. On Tuesday Egidius shut the doors and windows of his room, turned on the gas full head, lay down on his bed and died. Miss Fozzer is a tall, strongly-built brunette, with bandsome features. She is 22 years old. Egidius was educated with Prince Oscar, of Sweden, who was recently reduced in rank for marrying beneath his station. It is believed by some prominent Swedes in this city that the suicide is the real prince, and that his name was not Egidius, but Prince Oscar.

The crew of the steamship Tropic, which arrived here from Progress to-day, had the most novel experience of all in the big storm last Saturday and Sunday, Early Sunday morn-Saturday and Sunday. Early Sunday morning, in the midst of a tremendous electric storm off Cape Hatteras, the sea suddenly became flery red. A terrible hissing sound was heard, which came apparently from overhead. It grew in volume, and the Illumination increased until the light became so brilliant that the crew could distinguish only sparks and fire.

A huge red ball of fire appeared overhead, apparently as large as a big balloon. It came in a slanting direction toward the steamer, and fell in the ocean only a few yards from the vestal states. sel, filling the air with flakes of fire. Millions of sparks fell in the wake of the fire-tall, illuminating the steamer for several moments. During the disturbance the barometer vibrated 1-10 each way, thus indicating that the fire-ball

### Has to Pay for Bad Plumbing.

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The Circuit Court to-day directed James Armstrong, principal of the school on Columbia Heights, to pay the Misses Ely \$820. The Misses Ely taught in Mr. Armstrong's school while the plumbing there was in bad condition. They, as well as several pupils, were taken ill of typhoid fever and the school was closed. Subsequently the Misses Ely sued Mr. Armstrong for damages, on the ground that he had been criminally negligent. Eight days were taken up with the trial, and a good deal of evidence was taken as to the nature of typhoid fever germs and how defective plumbing might fever germs and how defective plumbing might contaminate the atmosphere of a residence.

### A Complaint Against Discrimination.

The special Treasury agents at the Custom House completed to-day an investigation of the methods of importing steel wire. The manufacturers of steel wire complain that while on all their importations they have paid 7 cents per pound, many importers of steel wire flattened into steel strips for use in corsets have paid only 45 per cent ad valorem, or 7%

### On Trial for Killing His Playmate.

the Harlem Police Court, to-day, for causing the death of 5-year-old Tobias Hipper, of 1814 Second average, by stuffing his mouth with re-fuse and otherwise injuring him. He denied harming Hipper intentionally, and said the latter got hurt by falling down some steps. Coroner Levy found the head badly bruised, and there is little doubt that the child died from the ill treatment he received at the hands of his playmates. The police attribute his death more to rough play than to malicious

Children Polsoned by Parsnips. ST. JOSEPH, MINN., April 12.-Four children of Joseph Mirdam, a German farmer living in this township, found some wild parsnips which had been ploughed up, and all ate of them. They soon became violently sick. Three of the children, a boy 6 years old and two girls, 4 and 2 years, died in terrible agony. Another, a girl 3 years old, is still living and may recover.

### Sufferers Are Numerous.

From the Chicago Herald.] Somebody in the White House has a head-ache and immediately the cry goes up that a new executive mansion must be built. There s more sickness in the families of men who fail to reach the White House than there is among the occupants of that structure.

### KEYSTONE BRIC-A-BRAC.

THE water works reservoir at Wellsboro often coated with a layer of wild ducks taking A CHEMICAL firm at Ambler, Montgomer,

county, are making extensive shipments of

nagnesia to California, Mexico and South America. MRS, I. N. SMITH, visiting in Williamsport, accidentally took, in mistake for valerian, enough digitalis to kill a horse, but a prompt loctor and an emetic saved her. HARRY FRY, aged 16 years, of Lancaster

county, accidentally hit his sister in the eye a week ago, and, fearing a whipping, left home, and has not been heard of since. THE Titusville man who, while mellow scalded his chin while lighting a cigar by the steam of a peanut roaster, will lose his beard, which is swathed in a soothing oint-

MRS. MARY COMLEY, living in Washington township, near Elimsport, is the owner of a calf that has a tail that is as clean of hair as the tail of a rat, with the exception of a small tuft at the end, which is white hair about two

THE weeping willow in the yard of Christ Cathedral, Reading, was grown from a shoot imported from Babylon by the late Alexander Burnett, and is said to be the only one in the State with so direct a lineage to the historical tree of which David sang.

A LANCASTER county man sized up a bowl, containing 125 oysters, in a Laucaster restaurant, said he would take them all in a stew which he ate, when prepared, together with a dish of crackers and a dozen sweet cakes, and remarked that the amount he had just caten was an average meal for him three times a

# A SONG OF THE LILAC.

Above the wall that's broken. And from the copplet thinned, So sacred and so sweet, The lilac in the wind! And every night the May wind blows The lilac blooms apart,

A tear was long its gravestone, A hush was all around:
Oh how they wake it now,
The fregrance and the sound!
And every night the May wind blows
The illac blooms apart,

The Hisc blooms apart,
The memory of his first love
Is shaken on his heart.
Louise Imagen Guiney in Harper's Weekly.

SIAM'S KING, his gorgeous pa hundreds of hundreds of hundreds of hundreds of hundreds of hundreds bushants a scribed in temorrow's DISPATOR by Frances of the reader is given a peop the royal harem.

### CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-Daniel Webster was arrested for burglary in East Liverpool, O., a few days ago -A Philadelphia connoisseur in eating says that musk-rat meat tastes better than any

-Two hundred bushels of onions have

been presented to a charitable institution of Cleveland, to be distributed to the poor. -Conception Cortex, who died recently at Matamoras, Mexico, was 113 years old. His wife, Luz Lara, who survives him, is nearly 100 years old.

-A dead goose cost Postmaster Gerweg, of Dakota City, Neb., his life. He had shot the bird and was trying to get it, when his boat up-set and he was drowned.

-A Louisville man told a reporter recently that after he took up the study of that "acience" last summer the mosquitoes, which had greatly plaqued his children, ceased to an-noy them. New Jersey is just the field for Christian science.

-Oskaloosa's female Mayor, who was reelected this spring, paid all the outstanding claims of the city last year, met the current expenses promptly, and left a balance of \$100 in the city treasury. But she were the same bonnet all year that she had bought the season before.

-A fresco four feet square, in a wonder-A fresco four feet square, in a wonder-ful state of freshness, has been uncovered in Canterbury Cathedral on removing a wall, sup-posed to have been erected in 1174 to strengthen the wall of the choir. It shows St. Paul shak-ing off into the fire a serpent which had bitten him on the hand.

-Mrs. William Cross, of Seymour, Ind., was bitten on the foot by a copperhead snake over 30 years ago, but she partially recovered after months of intense suffering. Every year her foot has swollen to enormous size, and several times it was thought she would die. For more than a year she has been unable to walk, and her body is now so badly swollen that it is believed she cannot live many days. -Population is so scattered in New South

Wales that the failure of 50 per cent of the

waters togo to the polls at a recent exciting election, where the issue was between protection and free trade, is accounted for by the distances many would have had to travel to cast their votes. In one case, where there was an omission to open polls at a given locality, the electors had to travel 200 miles or lose their votes. -An Akron painter was at work on a business block when he discovered a last year's bird's nest in a niche in the ornamental woodwork. There was nothing attractive or

woodwork. There was nothing attractive or particularly interesting in the makeup of this nest as the painter glanced at it, but he thoughtlessly picked it up and began to tear it apart. His eyes nearly bulged from their sockets in his surprise as, among the bits of string and hay and other odds and ends, he beheld a \$10 bill. -W. H. Kent, a farmer living near Winterset, Iowa, has been arrested for using the mails for lottery purposes. He was taken to Des Moines and arraigned before a United States Commissioner, and held under \$500 bonds to appear before the grand jury. Kent had a big scheme under way. His plan was to sell a bushel of corn for \$1, and throw in one ticket in his gift enterprise, the prizes of which aggregated, according to his circulars, \$100,000. It was for sending these circulars through the mails that he was arrested.

-Here is an item that will interest Pennsylvania sportsmen: In 1885 there were thou-sands of young trout deposited in the streams of this part of the State. According to the laws of this State, no fishing for this particular dah was allowed for three years. The prescribed time is now up, and having had three scribed time is now up, and having had three years' rest the streams are supposed to be abounding with the beauties. There were 48,900 distributed in Someries county, chiefly at Confluence. There were 70,000 put in Westmoreland county streams at Ligonier and New Florence. At Brady, Indiana county, 18,000 were distributed. In Cambria county 43,000 were distributed at Ebensburg, Gailitzin and South Fork.

-The ladies of Oakland, a village near Indianapolis, inaugurated a crusade against liquor selling, and established a surveillance over an establishment run by Ammon and Alexander Kepfler, regular committees being appointed, and the ladies, in squads of four appointed, and the ladies, in squade of four and five, spending the entire time in the salcon, making notes of sales and keeping "tab" on every man purchasing drinks. Every effort was made to force them away, save actual violence, loafers even bringing in polecats and putting the animals under the stove, hoping the scent would drive out the women. One lady fainted, but remained at her post. Indictments against the Kepflers were secured.

-Lucien Narble Monroe, colored, of Virginia, is attracting attention in New York, weighs but 65 pounds, and one of his lower limbs has the appearance of being solid bone. He is helpless, being unable to either walk or use his arms. A reporter learned from him that the disease first manifested itself in 1867, that the disease first manifested itself in 1867, when he was 8 years old, by a sharp pain near his left knee, and, when an examination was made, it was found that the joint was solidifying. The following year the malady extended into the foot, and later in the same year to the other leg. His joints then lost all power of motion, and gradually solidified up to his neck. For 15 years he suffered greatly, but he has experienced no pain since 1872.

-At a meeting of the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society in Philadelphia Henry Phillips, Jr., exhibited a photograph of a Phillips, Jr., exhibited a photograph of a Roman coin with a flint arrow-head, which was found at Toledo, O., at a depth of six feet below the surface. The coin was pronounced by him to be of the time of Antoninus Plus, struck at Alexandria, and appeared from the photograph to be in fine condition. No human remains or traces of burial were discovered with it. As bearing on this subject it is interesting to note that similar numismatic finds have been reported in what was once the Northwest Territory. Medals and coins of remote countries and times are said to have been discovered there frequently, sometimes in the vicinity of Indian remains and unlikely to have been the property of recent settlers.

### LITTLE PLEASANTRIES.

A man who carries a bald spot on his head for 15 years uses up 62 days of that time in caressing it, and his work is all in vain.—Detroit

Lent in the West .- Eastern Girl-Do

Western society people allow themselves any sinusements in Lent? Western Girl-No; nothing but poker, -Philo A Little Boy's Idea .- "Mamma," said

Freddy, whose duty it was to run a great many errands, "I wish I was only as big as a dollar," "Why do you wish that, my son?" "Became then I could put myself in my pocket and ride myself around."—Drake's Magazine. Her Great Catch .- Mother -- Mary why don't you try to make Charile Creed fall in love with you? "He's the best catch of the season. Daughter (innocenfly) Because, mamma, dear, I don't want the catch. I'm engaged to the first baseman, and he is too lovely for any use. — Witch-

ington Critic. Sizing Them Up .- Mrs. Gadd-That new family next door to you must be purty well off: they've got a planer. Mrs. Gabb-Huh! They don't own it. It's

"By the way they hang on it "-Philadelphia The Right Place.-Sick Man-Is this the

West End Sanitarum?

New Girl (mystified)—This is Dr. Blank's house.

"Yes, but doesn't he take sick people to nurse "Oh! Maybe he does. There's two or three

Caught It at the Show .- Mrs. Lugsby-Old Mr. Grumsby, the doctor says, is suffering from elephantiasis. Mrs. Bagsby-Caught it at the show, I suppose. Bereafter no boy of mine shall go to see the ele-Bereafter no boy of mine shall go to the phant without having been vaccinated. You can't tell exactly what the elephants fetch over here in their trunks.—Drake's Magazine.

Lason.—Once

A Modern Temperance Lesson.-Once upon a Time a very Good and Pious Person saw a Bibulous Man coming out of a Saloon in a state of Mild and Melancholy Intextcation. "Oh, my Friend," cried the Plous Person, "I am very Sorry to see you coming out of a

"is that so?" replied the Bibulous Man in a Thick and Tearful Voice. "Well, I will go right Back Again." And he did so, leaving the Pious Person standing on the sidewalk in Great Amasement.—Burlington Free Press. ONE CHEED He knows full well who history reads,

When man by faith was guided, The various religious creeds, The human race divided. Now Pagan, Christian, Israelite, liliterate man and scholar,
All in one common creed unite—
The worship of the dollar,

The rooster is a budding flower, A highly colored thing,
About the garden, in the Selds—
The crow cust of the spring.

Warnings